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HERRING COVE COMMERCIAL TROLL TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . .The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the Herring Cove Terminal Harvest Area (THA):

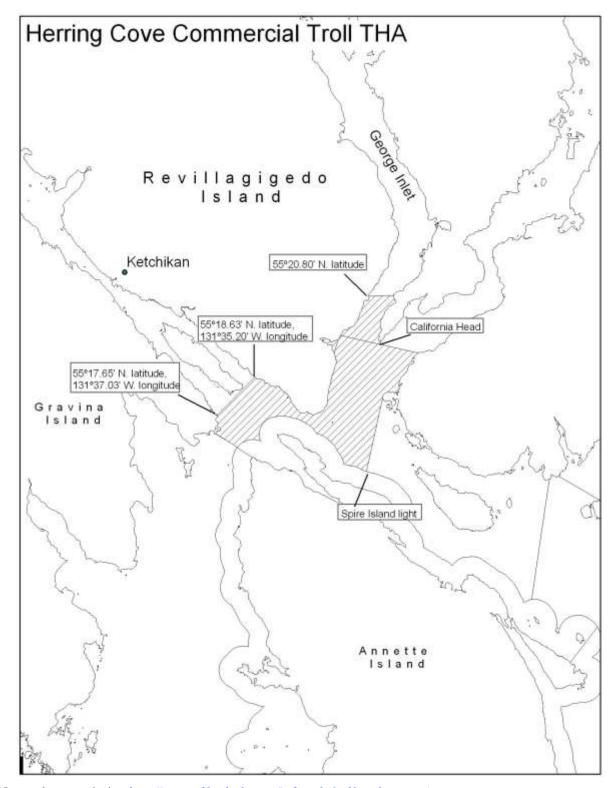
In cooperation with the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, the Herring Cove THA is managed to harvest surplus Chinook salmon returning to the Whitman Lake hatchery by troll gear. The Herring Cove Management Plan was adopted during the 2012 Board of Fisheries Southeast Alaska Salmon Meeting in Ketchikan, and defines the fishing area and period for commercial troll. These regulations will be in effect beginning July 13, 2012, however, until that time they are being enacted by emergency order authority. The Herring Cove Commercial Troll THA, as defined below, will be open to the retention of Chinook salmon by troll gear, 26 inches and greater, from 12:01 a.m., July 11, through 11:59 p.m., August 30, 2012.

Herring Cove Commercial Troll THA: those waters of Revillagigedo Channel north and west of a line from Carroll Point across to Spire Island light on the eastern shore of Annette Island, Carroll Inlet south of the latitude of the southernmost tip of California Head, George Inlet south of the latitude of 55°20.80′ N. latitude (this is roughly the latitude of the George Inlet lodge) and south of a line from a point located on the southeastern shore of Gravina Island at 55°17.65′ N. latitude, 131°37.03′ W. longitude, to a point on the southwest shore of Tongass Narrows at 55°18.63′ N. latitude, 131°35.20′ W. longitude, and east of a line from the southernmost tip of Gravina Point, located on the southeast shore of Gravina Island, to the northernmost tip of Walden Point, located on the northeast tip of Annette Island.

All Chinook salmon harvested in the Herring Cove Commercial Troll THA must be offloaded prior to fishing outside of the THA. This area is also open to the retention of all salmon species and will remain open to the retention of coho, chum, sockeye, and pink salmon as part of the general summer troll season when the THA open period has expired.

The 2012 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional ADF&G offices and on the troll website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon

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